Crimes Against SCs/STs

1158. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crimes against SC/ST are on increase;

(b) if so, the number of various crimes including rape, murder, torture, grabbing their land forcefully, committed during the last three years;

(c) what are the States/Union territories which indicate increasing tendency in this regard; and

(d) what concrete steps have been taken to protect the vulnerable section of the society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The information received from National Crime Records Bureau is given in the Annexre [*See* Appendix 190, Annexure No. 17]

(d) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh schedule to the Constitution of India and, as such, registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes is primarily the responsibiity of the State Government. However, the Government of India has been advising the State Governments. from time to time, to give more focussed attention to improving the administration of criminal justice system and take such measures as are necessary for the prevention of crimes against the Schedule Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other vulnerable sections of the society.

Amendment in the Protection of Civil Rights Act

1159. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has requested for amendments in the Protection of Civil Rights Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?